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**Office Action Summary**

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Examiner

Trang U. Tran

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**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 December 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2-9 and 11-15 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Response to Arguments***

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1 and 10 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

3. Claims 1 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipate by the admitted prior art (Fig. 10, pages 1-9 of the Specification).

In considering claim 1, the admitted prior art (Fig. 10, pages 1-9 of the Specification) discloses all the claimed subject matter, note 1) the claimed a first selector that selects a broadcast signal for display of a video is met by the ground wave 1 tuner or the BS 1 tuner or the CS1 tuner (Fig. 10, page 2, line 8 to page 3, line 15 of the Specification), 2) the claimed a second selector that selects a broadcast signal for output of a sound is met by the AM radio or the FM radio (Fig. 10, page 2, line 8 to page 3, line 15 of the Specification), 3) the claimed third selector that selects a broadcast signal for display of program link information is met by the ground wave 1 tuner or the BS 1 tuner or the CS1 tuner (Fig. 10, page 2, line 8 to page 3, line 15 of the Specification), 4) the claimed a receiver that receives the broadcast signals selected by said first, second and third selectors as first, second and third broadcast signals,

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respectively is met by the sound decoder 90, the program link information decoder 91 and the video decoder 92 (Fig. 10, pages 1-9 of the Specification), 5) the claimed a signal extractor that extracts a video signal, a sound signal and program link information, respectively, from the first, second and third broadcast signals received by said receiver is met by the sound decoder 90, the program link information decoder 91 and the video decoder 92 (Fig. 10, pages 1-9 of the Specification), 6) the claimed a combiner that combines the video signal, a sound signal and program link information signal extracted by said signal extractor with each other and outputs the combined video signal is met by the synthesizing processor 60 (Fig. 10, page 4, line 6 to page 6, line 5 of the Specification), 7) the claimed a display device that displays as a video the combined video signal output from said combiner is met by the display device 95 (Fig. 10, page 5, line 25 to page 6, line 5 of the Specification), and 8) the claimed a sound output device that outputs as a sound the sound signal extracted by signal extractor is met by the speaker 96 (Fig. 10, page 3, line 15 to page 4, line 5 of the Specification).

Claim 10 is rejected for the same reason as discussed in claim 1.

#### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

4. Claims 2-9 and 11-15 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

#### ***Conclusion***

5. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP

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§ 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.


6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Trang U. Tran whose telephone number is (571) 272-7358. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM, Monday to Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John W. Miller can be reached on (571) 272-7353. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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